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AMENDMENT "A"

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2002, in connection with this application. Please amend the application in the following manner.

In the Drawings:

Please replace the informal drawings with the accompanying formal drawings, namely Fig. 1 through Fig. 8 on three sheets.

In the Description:

Please replace the paragraph common to pages 3 (lines 23-27) and 4 (lines 1-4) with the following revised paragraph:

--(Amended) One of the most important functions in connection with DWDM

products is attaching fibers for coupling light in and out of the device with minimum loss. In the past, this has required input and output fibers being first attached to separate platforms at appropriate distances using adhesive glue or curable epoxy. In this prior art approach, these platforms then are brought in close proximity with a device such as a multiplexing and/or

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